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miners and the total population. In adult years the death-rate for miners was somewhat higher, but the infantile mortality among this group was low. This may be explained by the fact that the mothers find little employment in factories, and, being engaged in housework, are enabled to give more of their time to the care of their children. The natural increase of the population or the difference between the birth and death-rate is considerably higher for the mining population than for the country as a whole.

The monograph is a good piece of scientific work. Half of the volume is devoted to the statistical tables upon which the analysis rests. It is but natural that the birth-rate should be high among a population of low economic conditions with early marriages, but it is surprising that the death-rate in this hazardous occupation should have been so low.

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- Die eidgenössische Volkszählung vom 1.12.1910. (Bern: A. Francke. 1911. Pp. 30. 1 m.)

## Social Problems and Reforms

The Department Store. (Boston: Vocation Bureau of Boston. 1912. Pp. 97. \$0.50.)

This is the eighth volume in a series of publications brought out by the Vocation Bureau during the past two years. The others are The Machinist, Banking, The Baker, Confectionery Manufacture, The Architect, The Landscape Architect, and The Grocer. Though it does not differ materially in scope or method from the earlier studies, The Department Store is more extensive and more carefully prepared. Successive chapters describe the origin and growth of this type of mercantile institution and the organization of its activities such as merchandising and buying, superintending and selling, office and advertising departments. Consideration is also given to welfare work and questions of pay and promotion. There is a brief bibliography.

Like the rest in the series, this book is designed primarily for the use of teachers and others in counseling parents and boys in regard to the choice of a vocation. For this purpose it is desirable to know what inducements the industry or occupation has to offer to boys, and on the other hand what demands it will make on them in the matter of character, habits, and training. The number of positions, the lines of promotion, rates of pay as beginners and after experience, etc., are carefully ascertained and conservatively stated. The reasons for failure to advance are inquired into and